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Re: Docket # 98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food"

The FDA should retain the current labeling law, the current terminology of "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation," and the use of the radura symbol on all irradiated whole foods.

Whether or not the FDA has approved irradiation as safe, it remains a new technology with no long-term human feeding studies. Consumers certainly have a right to know if this process has been used on their food.

We think the label should be large enough to be readily visible to the consumer, on the front of the package. For displayed whole foods such as produce, a prominent informational display similar to that used for meats should be used (but containing the term "irradiation" and the radura).

Please keep the FDA's labeling requirements on irradiation. Thank you.

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